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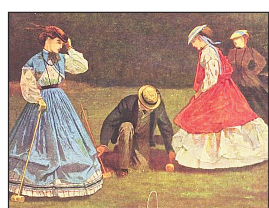
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Poet-tree

Hear from the winner of this year's HHWEN poetry contest

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Croquet anyone?

Cultural centre to host croquet tournament

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Bowling for art

Diane Johnson gets her bowling arm in fine form at the Fast Lane in Minden on April 16 where she participated in the Artists in the Schools fundraising bowlathon. The event helps to fund the program facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council. This year's event raised more than \$3,000. See story and more photos on page 10.

Angelica Blenich
Times staff

Township takes down willows



Axe will swing on unsafe riverside trees next week

Jenn Watt
Editor

The popular rope swing over the Gull River will be removed next week by the municipality of Minden Hills.

After consulting with Tidey Tree Care and for-

ester Peter Hynard, director of community services Rick Cox confirmed at an April 14 council meeting suspicions that the willow trees along the Gull - one of which holding the rope swing - are rotting and dangerous.

"The potential liability to the township related to the rope swing is significant. Should someone be injured using the rope swing, the township will certainly be called to account for how it was or was not maintained in a safe condition," Cox wrote in his report to council.

According to Tidey Tree Care's John Tidey,

the willow with the swing has "advanced trunk decay" and the "structural integrity of the limb is in question."

Hynard agreed, noting the 14 willows near the Logger's Crossing Bridge on Invergordon Avenue are 60 years old and in "poor condition."

"I understand this is not an easy thing to do," Cox said to council April 14, "but from a risk management perspective, I cannot change my recommendation [to cut down the trees]."

Although the option to trim the trees existed, see NEW TREES page 17

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OPP looking for vandals in Dorset

Sometime between April 11, at 1:50 a.m. and April 12 at 8:45 a.m., unknown persons damaged the front window of the Ontario Provincial Police community policing office located on Main Street, in the village of Dorset.

The damage was discovered by officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment, as they attended the community policing office during a patrol of the Dorset area.

If you have any information about this, or any other crime, you are encouraged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. You can also send a tip electronically at www.crimestoppers.ca.

Fuel missing from vehicle

Sometime overnight on April 13 unknown suspects siphoned gas from a vehicle on Spring Valley Road, in Minden.

The missing gas was discovered by the vehicle owner, who had filled the tank just prior to returning to their residence, but noticed that the gauge registered empty upon restarting the vehicle at a later time.

The OPP remind people to be vigilant for fuel thefts, given

the current escalating prices.

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Correction

A sentence in last week's story on the Minden Pet Resort referred to it as the Minden Pet Clinic. Resort is correct.

See Inside

- What to do with an old chimney
- Canadian boaters face stricter exam standards
- Wilberforce celebrates maple syrup with festival

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Provinces have different writing cultures

Bessie's Books and other things
Bessie Sullivan
County Librarian

I recently returned from a trip to British Columbia. I realized how little I knew about writers from that province. I guess having spent most of my life in Ontario makes me uninterested in the writing culture there, but not really aware of other provinces.

To honour the experience I am featuring some British Columbia authors that we have in our collection at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Two writers from Vancouver are on this year's Evergreen Award short list.

The Highlands Weekender

Art as we see it
Adam Matak has studied and concentrated on the emphasizing of people's attitudes towards masterworks in galleries and museums when viewing artifacts, in particular those in his generation.

Matak's rendition involves life-size cutouts of people mimicking people viewing artwork as well as artwork that convey people reacting to artwork. Witty and cartoon-like these black outlined solid colored images are intriguing studies of human nature.

Drop by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 174 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

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At the start of a yoga class I've often been instructed to close

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This week's Weekender:

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- Canadian boaters face stricter exam standards
- Wilberforce celebrates maple syrup with festival
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Buckling down on seatbelts this week

It's been 35 years since seatbelt laws came into effect in Ontario.

Yet tragically, countless fatalities and injuries related to seatbelt use have continued to occur needlessly each year over the past 35 years.

Because of this, the OPP are as committed as ever to seatbelt compliance as they get set to launch the 2011 spring seatbelt campaign.

The provincewide campaign will run from April 13 to 23. During that time, the OPP will be stepping up enforcement throughout the province to ensure that motorists and passengers buckle up.

So far this year, on OPP-patrolled roadways, seven people have died in collisions in which lack of seatbelt use was a causal factor, and 855 have been seriously injured. Compared to this same time last year, 13 died and 913 were injured.

Additionally, by the end of last year, a total of 89 people had lost their lives and 4,200 people were injured due to the lack of seatbelt use.

The OPP will be focusing their efforts on child restraints during this campaign to raise awareness about the need to properly restrain children in a vehicle. A properly used child

seat reduces a child's risk of injury in a crash by as much as 75 per cent, yet many child car seats are incorrectly used or improperly installed.

When used correctly, a booster seat provides 60 per cent more protection than a seatbelt alone. In a collision, children using seatbelts instead of booster seats are three and a half times more likely to suffer significant injury, and four times more likely to suffer head injury.

OPP detachments regularly run child car seat safety clinics and the OPP are encouraging everyone to contact their local OPP detachment or their local police service for more information.

"In 1976 Ontario became the first province to require all drivers and passengers to wear a seatbelt. After all these years OPP officers across this province are just as committed to ensuring that occupants buckle up," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, provincial commander, traffic safety and operational support.

Make sure you do your part as a driver. Buckle up first and then make sure all your passengers and children are properly secured.

Pocket dials pose problems for 911

What do your pants, purse or backpack have in common? They can all call 911!

Across Ontario thousands of pocket dials are made every day, approximately 200-300 calls per day in Toronto alone. That's 10 per cent of the total volume of 911 calls.

What is a pocket dial? A pocket dial is when your cell phone makes a call that you did not dial. Every 911 call is taken seriously. When a 911 caller doesn't respond, that could be a sign of trouble – a possibility 911 responders can't ignore.

If this happens to you and you find that you have called 911 accidentally, please do not hang up. Let the 911 operator know it was a pocket dial. This will eliminate the need for the

911 operator to call you back to determine if there is an emergency, saving precious seconds, allowing them to move on to the next emergency call.

Each cellphone is different. Take a moment to understand how an unnecessary 911 call can be avoided on your device. It could be as simple as locking your keypad or putting your device in standby mode. Both of these options should not affect your ability to receive a phone call but may significantly reduce the chance of a pocket dial. To further reduce the pocket dial risk, please do not program 911 into your phone and refrain from allowing small children to play with the device.

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Meeting puts Devolin on defensive

Jenn Watt
Editor

The story of Wednesday night's all-candidates' meeting was all in the body language.

At one end of the table, incumbent Conservative Barry Devolin sat in front of a packed crowd at Haliburton's Fleming College looking stern and a little on-edge, feet crossed under his chair.

From the other end, competitor Liberal Laura Redman threw barbs at Devolin, often gesturing in his direction, moving impatiently in her chair as she spoke.

Between them, in signature orange and green, NDP Lyn Edwards and Green candidate Susanne Lauten sat very still, smiling often.

The evening played out like a national leaders' debate with Devolin sitting back, taking criticism and measuring his responses while the three other candidates took turns pulling apart his party's history and his personal record.

"This week, Barry Devolin renewed his personal attack on my character in a 900-word letter to the editor. ... I'm not going to stoop to Mr. Devolin's level because this is not a legitimate attack on my personal integrity," Redman said in her opening statement April 13, referring to a letter to constituents on Devolin's website raising issue with her actions while managing editor of the *County Voice*.

Redman was highly critical of the Conservative government throughout the evening, referencing a scandal involving the prime minister's former aide; the defunding of international development organization Kairos; and government secrecy on the purchase of fighter jets, among other things.

Lauten and Edwards joined in the pummelling occasionally, but with less vigour.

On the Trent-Severn Waterway, Lauten criticized the government's "merry-go-round" of environment ministers.

"We have had a new environment minister every few months it seems. Most recently our minister of national parks is Peter Kent," Lauten said.

"This is a man who was a news reader. He is ... continuing that role."

Edwards's most passionate moment came when a member of the audience brought up the F35 fighter jet purchase.

"I'm in no way going to support these F35s. ... I know the current government didn't want us to look at [the contracts] ... so it's very hard for us to make plans. The NDP is not going to support those F35s," she said to audience applause.

Gauging from audience reaction and the types of questions posed at the public microphone, the majority out that evening were displeased with the Conservative government or Devolin specifically.

Questions ranged from agriculture policy to crime prevention to Aboriginal rights.

For his part, Devolin focused on his constituency work and time spent one-on-one with members of the riding.

Asked about his decision to move from Haliburton to Ottawa, Devolin said he did it for his family.

"What I was finding was that Parliament sits from September to June most of that time and in Ottawa we sit five



Angelica Blenich Times staff

Federal election candidates square off during an all-candidates' debate held on April 13 at Fleming College in Haliburton. From left, Conservative MP Barry Devolin, NDP candidate Lyn Edwards, Green Party candidate Susanne Lauten and Liberal candidate Laura Redman.

days a week and consequently I was in Ottawa four or five nights a week most of the time and at home with my family two or three nights a week," he said.

"My shuffling back and forth remains pretty much the same, the difference is I'm alone here two or three nights a week and I'm with my wife and kids the rest of the time."

Redman didn't think that was good enough and pledged she would do better, if elected.

"My supportive spouse is prepared to take on that role [caring for the children] and is not expecting me to uproot my children or him to change their lives because I am seeking this role. It is well known that it comes with the turf," she said.

Take-home messages from the candidates included promises of new spending and better social programs without tax hikes.

"The current federal and provincial governments are doing nothing but making your life more expensive," Edwards said. "The government is making their friends

rich while you are being pushed into poverty. That is plain wrong."

"People are afraid. Afraid of losing their jobs, afraid of losing their pensions. ... What people are most afraid of is that Stephen Harper will win a majority in the next election," Lauten said.

"This election is indicating two clear choices. You can support the Conservatives; the largest spending, the largest borrowing government in Canadian history [or you can vote for a] progressive Liberal government [with] a plan to strengthen families, support small business and protect our health care without raising taxes," Redman said.

Devolin closed the evening by stressing his advocacy role.

"Whoever becomes the MP on May 2, [constituency work is] going to be more than half of the job," he said.

"It has been an honour to serve as a member of Parliament for this riding for almost seven years. It's not always an easy job, but it is fascinating," he said.

What they said

Candidate responses to questions from the audience

What is your party's policy on local meat processing?

Edwards: "Our commitment would be to change what's there and put the right policies in place to keep you in business. The policies are in place to calm the fears of our neighbours ... it has done damage to our local farmers."

Lauten: "We support local abattoirs. We don't believe animals should be travelling long distances to slaughterhouses."

Redman: "The Liberal party is proposing to bring farmers to the table and start building new agricultural policy from the farm up, not Ottawa down."

Devolin: "As a society we want high standards for food safety. When we raise standards they place costs and burdens on these facilities.... It is something we need to look at and is a real problem."

What is your party's position on making our communities safer?

Devolin: "We have implemented a youth/gang strategy in Canada. ... I wouldn't say getting tough on crime is the whole answer, but I do think that a lot of Canadians are demanding when someone does a serious crime that there are consequences."

Edwards: "Putting people in prison just makes more criminals and isn't the solution. We need more police officers on the street ... we do need to have prevention measures put in place. What is causing the crime? Why are these crimes being committed? ... Poverty is often the underlying cause."

Lauten: "The Green party believes in crime prevention. ... The Green party wants to allocate more money to the municipalities so they can put an indoor rollerskating rink in a town like we used to have, give kids something to do."

Redman: "We need to start addressing the social determinants of crime. ... We need to start addressing the poverty issues ... We know that the penal system does not work. ... We do need more front line police officers."



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Museum committee to be created

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the April 14 committee of the whole meeting of Minden Hills council.

Council is creating a new committee for the Minden museum in hopes of receiving an operating grant from the provincial government.

The grant could provide \$10,000 for the museum – or 15 per cent of the current operating budget – but the ministry of culture specifies the museum abide by specific criteria, including having a specific museum committee.

Minden Hills has an advisory committee for the cultural centre, of which the museum is a part.

Councillors were enthusiastic about the funding and the status that comes with being an accredited museum, which would allow the institution to apply for more grants.

The cultural centre has been highly successful in grant applications in the past, its director Daniela Pagliaro told council.

“\$153,000 [in grant money] has come here to allow us, the township, to do these things and it’s because of the credibility and the standards have continued to rise ... it’s a sign of excellence,” she said.

The accreditation would be a “fabulous feather in our cap,” Councillor Brigitte Gall said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was in favour of the new committee, but cautioned that the cultural centre was still one entity and should continue to operate as such.

“Seven years ago we took these two

groups – the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, who had their own committee, and the museum and brought them into an umbrella group ... I’m not saying it’s a bad thing, but I think down the road it will change the face of what we have now,” Murdoch said.

Councillors Lisa Schell, Ken Redpath, Gall and Deputy-reeve Murdoch all agreed to be on the board, which had to be created quickly to meet ministry deadlines.

Municipality budgets \$50,000 for snowmobile/ATV project

Minden Hills has agreed to put up \$25,000 more than originally expected for the snowmobile/ATV enhancement project as a contingency after learning that money from the Haliburton County Development Corporation was uncertain.

The \$200,000 project was to be funded 50 per cent by a provincial matching grant called the Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

The snowmobile and ATV associations agreed to put up \$50,000, while the township had decided to contribute \$25,000. The remaining \$25,000 was expected to come from HCDC.

That was before the federal election got in the way.

Funded by the Canadian government, HCDC told council they were unable to guarantee any money for the project until the fall when the new government assumed power – far too late for the municipality to get its matching grant application to the provincial government (which will, by that time, also be in the throes of an election).

“We’re kind of caught between different levels of government and funding programs here,” Cox told council.

Reeve Barb Reid said the contingency money could be budgeted over two years: 2011 and 2012.

“It’s my understanding that if Minden Hills were to consider adding an additional \$25,000, it could be put into the 2012 budget and that would still allow us to go ahead and make the RED application. ... If HCDC comes through, then it eliminates the need for us to use that additional \$25,000 in the 2012 budget. It’s a contingency plan to allow us to go ahead and make the full RED application,” she said.

New handicapped parking spaces approved

In a special meeting of council, a bylaw to create six new accessible parking spaces in and around the community centre was approved.

Passed quickly to accommodate Elections Canada standards, the bylaw specifies three spaces in the upper parking lot between the curling club and community centre; one space by the Scout Hall around the rear of the arena and two spots by the ball park.

Minden to set new property standards

Reeve Barb Reid voiced frustration at the council meeting that Minden Hills wasn’t able to keep property standards as high as neighbouring Dysart et al.

With very few staff, that municipality is able to keep things looking tidy, while Minden is left without a bylaw to do so.

“Our clean and clear bylaw had some gaps in it as far as our ability to go in and remove clutter and vehicles. We need to understand what we need to do to get that

fixed. But we also need a property standards bylaw so that we can address the condition of buildings,” Reid said to Ken Jones, chief building official.

Jones said he was addressing the clean and clear bylaw, but that a property standards bylaw would have unbudgeted costs attached to it. He said council could expect that bylaw in 2012.

“We have issues in this municipality that we want to address long before then. We have an adjacent municipality, Dysart et al, that has a very successful property standards bylaw,” Reid said.

“I think until we have a property standards bylaw tool we don’t have the ability to go and ask people to remove trees that have fallen on roofs on one of our nicest streets,” she said. “There’s a high degree of urgency to get the bylaw tool in place.”

Jones said he was working on the bylaw, but reiterated that any financial implications would have to wait until the 2012 budget year.

Minden to get new fire truck

Council agreed to buy a new pumper truck for the Minden Hills fire department.

The truck will cost about \$316,500 and replaces the 20-year-old pumper that failed its pump test last fall.

The old truck is worth about \$10,000, fire chief Doug Schell told council.

He will be looking into using it for another department or donating it to Global Medic, which takes old equipment to disaster zones around the world.

Lochlin loves its pancakes

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Volunteers at Lochlin United Church couldn’t flip pancakes fast enough on April 16 as more than 300 people attended the annual Maplefest breakfast, keeping volunteers in the kitchen on their toes.

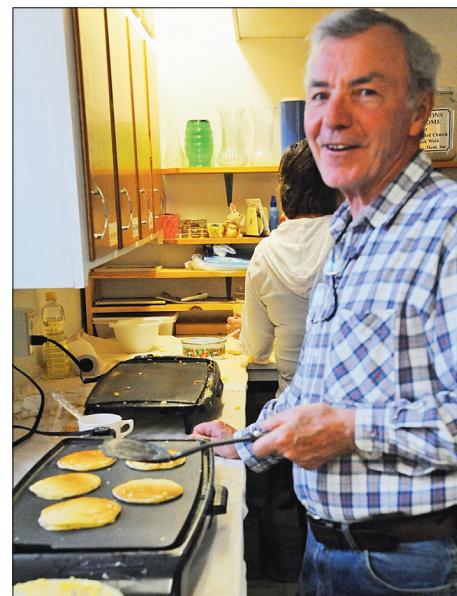
The annual event raises funds for the church’s outreach efforts, which include local initiatives such as HAVE and global projects such as Haiti relief.

Organized through the help of more than 20 volunteers, this year’s breakfast saw an unexpected twist of fate almost cut the meriment short.

“At 10 a.m. the power went out in the church,” said organizer Lois Rigney. “We started praying ‘Lord we need the money.’”

According to Rigney the power outage only lasted a few minutes and before long pancakes were being flipped and served once again.

For more photos check out www.mindentimes.ca.



Boyd Carr flips out for pancakes that were served at Lochlin United Church on April 16.

At left, Lois Rigney surveys the disappearing mountain of pancakes at the annual Maplefest event while Valerie Griffin looks on.

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Douglas Pugh recites his winning poem *Morning Ballerinas* at the annual Poet Tree Project Celebration held at R.D. Lawrence Place on April 16.

Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network the event, now in its third year, recognizes outstanding poetry.



Local resident wins annual Poet Tree contest

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In the words of Alex Hamilton-Brown, poetry is language distilled.

On April 16, the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network recognized great poetry at the third annual Poet Tree Project Celebration, held at R.D. Lawrence Place.

This year's winning entry came from Douglas Pugh, a resident of Haliburton for the past five years.

Titled, *Morning Ballerinas*, Pugh's piece conjures up images of nature, movement and grace.

Contest judges Hamilton-Brown and Ron Evans said there was no debate over which entry should be crowned the winner.

"I was so pleased to read this poem, it was a pleasure" said Hamilton-Brown. "It evokes the rhythm of life with a true poetic style."

Pugh delighted the audience by reading his poem out loud, an important part of the

poetry process he said.

"Poetry is meant to be read by the human voice so you and I can hear the rhythm of the words," he said.

Although a skilled writer himself Pugh believes everyone can learn to write better poetry.

The celebration also included two honourable mentions.

Be Kind by Wilf McOstrich, was adored for it's almost childlike verse structure.

The poem, said Hamilton-Brown, was well designed and created a story.

"It had a captivating charm that could long stay with you after you've read it," he said.

The second honourable mention was awarded to *Lonliness* by Gailon Valleau, a poem that touches on the human condition.

According to HHWN chair Marjorie Ludlow Green this year's celebration had 21 submissions.

"It's so gratifying to know poetry is alive and well and living in the Haliburton Highlands," said Hamilton-Brown.

Morning ballerinas

By Douglas Pugh

Breath twists, I saw them dancing

daring to rise, timidly pirouette
in the glare of morning sun
unsure if spring was here
but this was no equinox bow,
naught but false dawn
a faint trace of solstice smile
on water not yet captured
in the maw of winter ice

still I watched them dance,
nothing but hope shimmering

satin white gloves
almost-hand in almost-hand
sliding across each other
intertwined and coiled, no blush
nor shadows stained their play
as mist nymphs danced on a lake

the lake, aloof, cool
unrippled by the whisper
of their feat

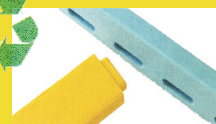
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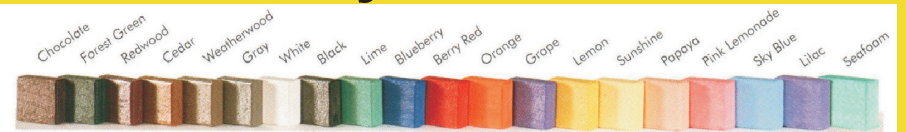
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points of view

Final bough

CHANGE is the only constant in life.

Last week, following a recommendation from the township's community services director, Minden Hills councillors voted to have 14 aging willow trees along the Gull River taken down.

Their rotting limbs have become a safety hazard.

The decision will undoubtedly be unpopular for some.

The trees are 60 years old. They have overlooked the treasured swimming hole near where the footbridge is now located for generations.

They have seen Minden grow and change and have no doubt become part of nostalgic memories for many.

There is also the fact that the removal of 14 sizable trees from along the river's shoreline isn't likely to be of great aesthetic benefit.

In fact, there is a chance that stretch of shoreline will seem barren at first.

However, it seems there is a real safety risk associated with the aging willows, and the community services director's recommendation was validated by a professional forester who confirmed there is advanced trunk decay in the trees and that the integ-

riety of the limbs is in question.

And while it's sad a long-used rope swing attached to one of the trees will of course be coming down with its host, it's certainly a preferable alternative to one of the limbs coming down on someone.

The township can also take the opportunity to put a silver lining around what some might consider a cloud.

There are plans to plant some maple trees and install a picnic table in the small park area along Invergordon Avenue.

The removal of the willows may also provide space for the township to add additional park-like features over time, perhaps some that would provide an aesthetic consistency with the Riverwalk pathway.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

How sweet it is

The success of Lochlin's annual Maplefest on the weekend is yet another shining example of the wonderful things small communities in this area accomplish.

Some 300 people came out to feast on pancakes at the event, which is a fundraiser for the charitable work of the Lochlin United Church.

That sure is sweet.



Swirling Eddies

letters to the editor

Great deal in town

To the Editor,

Just a reminder to all cottagers to consider shopping for your new car on your way to the cottage.

While doing some serious car shopping this spring, which included trips to the full page newspaper ad-type dealer, I discovered the best deal was in Minden.

In my case it was Ridgewood Ford where the sales staff were great, the price was great, no hidden fees, and it was a much more relaxing atmosphere than some of the high pressure dealerships I had been to.

The whole process was enjoyable and made me wish I had spent less time shopping in the city. Let me save you the time and remind you to consider doing your car shopping "up north." You won't find a better deal.

**Gilbert Hamilton
Bradford**

How do Conservative corporate tax cuts benefit Canadians?

The Conservative party is proposing to cut the federal corporate tax rate from 16.5 per cent to 15 per cent which will cost the Canadian government \$3 billion in lost tax revenue this year rising to \$6 billion per year four years from now. With a Canadian population of 34 million and a loss of \$6 billion it amounts to a yearly loss of \$176 per person. That lost money has to come from somewhere which means it comes from you. The average family of four will have to either pay an extra \$704 per year in tax to make up for the lost revenue or endure the equivalent amount in reduced services through spending cuts. After five years in office if the Conservatives have not already cut "waste" in public services they have some explaining to do. It means they will be gutting the programs that make a real difference to the lives of Canadians. They will also be racking up public debt to pay for these tax cuts while they delay balancing the budget which means you and your children will be paying for this for years to come.

Canadian corporate tax rates are already on the low end of the OECD average. Any reduction would make extremely marginal contributions to job creation as business expansion

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points of view

Football for all

LIKE MANY PEOPLE, I stopped watching the National Football League years ago. It seemed to me that the expansion of the league and ever-growing corporate interests were designed to take advantage of the fans. Football got too glitzy; players got too highly compensated; sponsor logos were everywhere and there was very little consideration for the people who supported the game. So, I walked away, swearing that I would never again be swayed like some mindless puppet who had no free will of his own.

I'll be honest; I once thought that this personal protest had gone unnoticed by the powers that be.

Now, however, I think that the football czars have finally got the hint that I, and others, refuse to be manipulated by cheap gimmicks. And I suspect this, more than anything, explains why they've created the Lingerie Football

League.

Call it a backlash if you like. All I know is that the Lingerie Football League provides bare bones, back to basics football. In the LFL, there are no freakishly large, strong men – only talented, young athletic women with the desire and skill to run gazelle-like in slow motion with a football clutched tight to their mud-spattered teddies.

All you need to do is watch a YouTube clip or three to see the desire in these athletes. For once, I don't feel manipulated.

Of course, this just isn't about football. It also speaks to how far we've come as a society. After all, women have been trying to break into professional sports for years, to little or no avail. Yet

somehow, these determined women have found this mysterious magic formula that has piqued the interest of the masses.

I can't quite put my finger on what it is, but they seem to have found this intangible component that resonates with male football fans everywhere.

Maybe it's their obvious enthusiasm for the sport. It could be the fact that these women are living the dream of playing in the big leagues. All I know is that I'm happy that they've finally broke the gender barrier and are playing football – no holds barred tackle football. When I watch those tight ends position themselves on the line of scrimmage, I can't help but feel that the sport is headed in the right direction.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Losing touch with democracy

READER WARNING: There will be bickering in what follows.

Bickering, at least, as defined by Stephen Harper, who has gone out of his way to attach that label to any discussion of democratic process.

During the English-language leaders' debate he made it clear that he regarded any attempt by Parliament to assert its authority as nit-picking. Democracy gets in the way of getting things done.

Harper liked the word bickering so much that he used it over and over again. It was, by his definition, bickering that led to the fall of his government.

Now, Haliburton barely appears on the political maps of those who actually run this country. They would regard my views with a mix of condescension and disdain.

Remote and rural and ill-informed as I am, it seems to me that the great debate in this election should be over how to restore responsible government to this country.

We still have the forms of responsible government designed by Lord Durham a century and a half ago. In theory, the Prime Minister is responsible to the people through their delegates, the members of the House of Commons, who are supposed to run the country.

That's theory. The reality is that most of the important decisions are made by a coterie of privileged political elites in the Prime Minister's office with little real sense of their country. Member of Parliament is an entry-level job.

In the majority government that all parties aspire to, the Prime Minister is responsible to nobody. Leaders listen to policy wonks instead of their MPs, and lose touch.

Fairness demands that I not pin all of this, or even much of this, on Harper, which is a bitter pill to swallow. There has been a steady erosion of Parliament's authority through most of my voting life by Grits and Tories alike and Harper has only taken it a step further.

Trudeau regarded his troops as losers and Chretien punished rural MPs who took the wrong side in what was supposed to be a free vote on the gun registry.

Except when it is able to rise up and force an election, as it just did, the House and its proceedings have been turned into a sham and the cabinet into a focus group at best.

Cabinet ministers have become

tightly-scripted spokesmen for policies devised by nameless political operatives who are as obscure as they are powerful.

The authority of the governing party, whichever one it is, over its MPs seems pretty close to absolute. Absence of power leaves other party leaders with less control, but they take as much as they can get.

If you think that Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff holds the Commons in higher regard than have Trudeau and Harper, it should be noted that he hardly ever goes there.

Party leaders, and Prime Ministers, are not picked by their MPs but by their parties. MPs are responsible to the Prime Minister, instead of the other way around. Barry Devolin represents Ottawa in Haliburton and not the other way around.

In a splendid piece of research, the Samara charitable foundation interviewed 65 retiring MPs and found how disappointed they were with the way Parliament worked.

You really ought to read the full report at <http://www.samaracanada.com/downloads/ItsMyParty.pdf> before you

vote. Most of the departed, many of them Liberals, left just as Harper was arriving. This is not about him.

Too often, they had no say in how they cast their votes. Too often, they were forced to vote against the interests of the people who elected them.

None of this seemed to be worth discussing last week at our all-candidates meeting in Haliburton.

Our choice will be between a sitting MP whose proudest accomplishment seems to be his passport clinics and a Liberal challenger who seems well to the left of her party, which is about where I am.

To borrow from Samara's paper, the winner will be the holder of a regional franchise granted by the great corporation that is the political party. His or her role will be to sit down, shut up and do what they are told.

Or so it seems from the remote fastness of Sapsucker Ridge.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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letter

Cut interest rates instead

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is done on the basis of a whole host of factors beyond mere tax rates. Interest rates alone are going to affect job creation on an exponentially higher scale than any cut in the corporate tax rate. Racking up federal debt will eventually drive up Canadian interest rates as the government competes with business to borrow money and foreign lenders demand higher risk premiums.

Many small businesses are fixed enterprises that do not seek to add employees no matter how low you drop the corporate tax rate. The tax savings will just go to their retained earnings to pad their retirement savings. Businesses that are not viable do not have profits to tax so the biggest beneficiaries will be the biggest corporate profit makers and do they need free money thrown at them? And what about average Canadians? The Conservatives are offering income splitting and tax credits to you - but only after the budget is balanced. Is Steven Harper here for you or is he only here for the rich?

Larry Bukta,
Minden

County looks at future of Rail Trail

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The future of Haliburton's Rail Trail may be subject to a community engagement process to define a vision for the corridor.

A special delegation made to the Haliburton County economic development committee on April 13 by Kate Hall, a community development planner, outlined a possible planning process to discuss Rail Trail options with the county.

The process, said Hall, would include community participation in more and different ways.

"My suggestion is to engage the whole community in a conversation about values and experiences on the trail, a collective vision for the trail and making strategic decisions that include economic and social returns on investment," said Hall.

The issue was a qualitative one not a quantitative, said Hall and the process was not about pitting groups against one another.

"I can certainly say what's been done in the past hasn't resulted in us moving forward," said Hall.

Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairwoman Barb Reid shared some of Hall's concerns. "I get your thoughts on county's approach thus far," said Reid, who agreed it was time for county council to take a step back from the discussion.

The county, said Reid, has agreed it will

exist as a shared trail however has yet to establish what sort of operational changes would make it a better shared facility.

"We haven't defined what happens next," said Reid. "We've accepted that it's a multi-use trail but how do we get there?"

"We need help in making the Rail Trail an asset for the county," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The process, said Reid, needed to move forward.

"My suggestion would be to get a proposal from you," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey to Hall.

Fearrey expressed that he wanted this issue dealt with sooner rather than later.

"I don't want this to drag on forever."

Reid suggested council put together a task list of key players involved with the Rail Trail to help facilitate the process.

"That's a good idea," said Fearrey.

Reid thanked Hall for her presentation and her input into the issue.

"I believe it's helped. We're constipated with the process," said Reid.

"I think that's a new use of that word," said Fearrey.

Further in the meeting council discussed a request from the Haliburton ATV Association to amend the current agreement and allow ATV access to the Haliburton County Rail Trail corridor for the period May 1 to Nov. 30.

The Rail Trail is closed to ATV use until June 1.

According to the association, the closure

has caused confusion to its ATV users since the Haliburton trail is connected to the City of Kawartha Lake's trail, which is open to ATV use as of May 1.

By allowing ATVs on the trail in May the county would experience increased economic benefits, wrote Eric Christensen, administrative coordinator for the association.

Moffatt inquired if mud was currently affecting the trail.

"The trail is dry, I went for a walk on it recently," said Christensen.

"This is an operational change, I think we're jumping the gun," said Reid.

Fearrey asked whether this agreement was allowed last year, to which Christensen replied no.

"If we allowed it we would need to make sure it's monitored every day," said Fearrey.

Currently the Rail Trail is not accessible for motorized vehicles during the months of April and May.

Pamela Marsales, president of the Friends of the Rail Trail organization, informed council that the organization's event schedule had already been published and included in the county's Destination Guide.

Moffatt and Fearrey agreed due to the pre-existing schedule the association's request could not be carried forward.

A resolution to deny the request was voted in favour by Fearrey, Moffatt and Reid, with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton voting against denying the request.

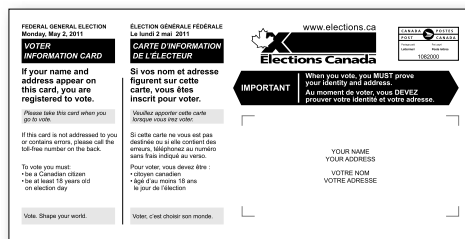
The request was denied.



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Gwen Cox Margo Hamilton

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on April 28, 2011 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. SRA-10-09
Applicant – **VRDOLJAK: Nikola**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9262, registered March 11, 2011.

2. File No. SRA-10-10
Applicant – **VRDOLJAK: Nikola**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9261, registered March 11, 2011.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of April, 2011.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 22 nd	7 pm Irondale Community Centre Committee - Irondale Cmt Ctr
April 22 nd /25 th	Good Friday and Easter Monday – Admin Offices closed and Cultural Centre closed
April 23	9 am to 12 pm - Easter Egg Event - Cultural Centre
April 24 th	Grass Creek Highlands Cup Challenge Tourny
April 28 th	10 am Council – Council Chambers
April 28 th	7 pm Lochlin Community Centre Committee
May 10 th	10 am Roads Committee - Lutterworth Office
May 12 th	10:00 am COTW/General Committee – Council Chambers
May 21 st	8 am to 11:30 am Household Hazardous Waste Day – Scotch Line Landfill
May 26 th	10:00 am Council – Council Chambers

The Township of Minden Hills Community Services Department is inviting quotes for the supply of hanging baskets for placement in downtown Minden this summer. Vendors are asked to quote on the supply of twenty-eight (28) 18" hanging baskets with fibre liners containing wave petunias in pink, purple and white ready for installation June 1, 2011.

Quotations must be emailed to rcx@mindenhills.ca or faxed to 705-286-3070 by 12:00 pm on April 15, 2011. Included with the quote, please include list contact information for a reference from at least one municipality for a similar service.



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April 30 at 2pm

Admission: \$5

Monika Melichar will talk about the trials and triumphs of opening the new Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary outside of Minden and how her years of animal rehabilitation experience brought her here.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Committee of Adjustment meetings for the Township of Minden Hills will now be held on the last Monday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street (Pritchard Lane entrance), Minden, Ontario.

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Full details found at www.mindenhills.ca (public notices).

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Please be advised the commissioning of the elevated water tower is anticipated to commence after the May long weekend. We anticipate the process to take approximately 10 – 14 days. During the commissioning of the elevated water tower we ask businesses and residents on the water system to attempt to conserve as much water as possible. We believe that users of the water system will not notice any fluctuation during normal day-to-day activities; however, we ask that users attempt to conserve water consumption during this time. If any adjustment in timelines needs to be made during the commissioning of the elevated water tower, we will do our utmost to advise users via the local newspapers and the township website. Once we have a definite date for commencement, we will be placing this information on our website and in the local newspapers. If you require further clarification, please feel free to contact the Township administration office.

Once the elevated water tower commissioning is complete and the current system is switched over to the new system, we will advise water users again through the local newspaper and the Township website.

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Luke Schell struts his stuff at the Fast Lane in a fundraising bowl-a-thon.

Below, Holden Dupret Smith, age 7, watches his bowling ball slowly roll down the lane.



Angelica Blenich Times staff

Jim Andrews, right, and Jane Selbie discuss scores at the Fast Lane in Minden on April 16 for the Artists in the Schools fundraising bowl-a-thon. The event helps to fund the program facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council. This year's event raised more than \$3,000.



Bowlers show support for Artists in the Schools

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It was a spectacle of sport at the Fast Lane on April 16 as the community showed its support with a bowl-a-thon fundraiser for the Artists in the Schools program, facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council.

More than \$3,000 was raised for the program, which places local artists in schools throughout the county to teach hands-on programs to students of all ages. The program has been in existence since 2004.

The event included a silent auction and two flights of bowling.



County to improve Destination Guide

➤ Publication to boost visitor numbers and return visits

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The county of Haliburton is looking to spruce up the Destination Guide it produces yearly in an effort to attract more tourists to the area.

During an economic development committee meeting on April 13, Bob Smith discussed the future of the guide and a request for proposals for the printing and creative component of the 2012 publication.

According to Smith the production of the guide is aimed at encouraging travellers to visit Haliburton County and experience a number of destinations while in the area.

The publication is an undertaking of the county and is a revenue neutral operation, said Smith.

"I think we have a big opportunity to make this Destination Guide much more compelling as a promotional material for Haliburton County," said Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairperson Barb Reid.

Reid suggested the county use the Haliburton Highlands slogan on the front cover along with a photo unique to Haliburton.

Other suggestions she made were to include compelling destination offers in the booklet, such as discounts.

"You need an offer to go in this to really get people to take action," said Reid. "This is all wonderful information but it's missing a call to action."

Another suggestion included featuring a 1-800 phone number travellers could call to find out about weekly specials and deals.

"We can certainly take those ideas into

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I think we have a big opportunity to make this Destination Guide much more compelling as a promotional material for Haliburton County

— *Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid*

account," said Smith.

The discounts, said Reid, would be a useful tool to track just how successful the guide is, which could be translated into advertising dollars.

"We're not suggesting a coupon book," said Reid. "Just a few offers."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt agreed revamping the guide could assist in tracking its success.

"Certainly the world is transitioning from print towards social media," said Moffatt.

"We may determine in some time the money spent on the Destination Guide should be cut in half with more emphasis on electronic methods but we won't know that until we do a couple of tests."

"We just want to punch it up to have some really compelling offers and see who's taking advantage of it," said Reid.

For the first time, this year's guide included scan tags, which were well received by the public, said Smith.

Council passed a resolution to proceed with the request for proposals for the Destination Guide.

The proposal will reduce the required print run from 60,000 copies printed for the 2011 guide to 50,000 copies.

Cross-county branding strategy in the works

➤ HCDC funding has been suspended due to federal election

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Tourism operators throughout the county may be looking at a new marketing initiative if a grant request is fulfilled by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Developed by the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Board, the proposal would see the implementation of a countywide branding strategy with the assistance of Haliburton County's economic development and tourism department.

According to a report presented by Bob Smith at an economic development committee meeting on April 13, the county of Haliburton has approved the HHTB requests for \$15,000 cash in the economic development department's 2011 budget and \$5,000 in-kind from the county of Haliburton.

The HHTB is requesting funding in the amount of \$35,000 from HCDC.

Derived from a town hall meeting held in May 2010, the goal of the strategy, said

Smith, is to get all tourism operators in the county on the same page and ready for future initiatives.

According to Smith, the county has a commitment of resources, support and in-kind donations from tourism industry partners.

The project will include a number of steps to be implemented over the next year and will result in a number of initiatives, including a new logo adhesive with the Haliburton Highlands Natural Work of Art slogan, to be used on storefront windows and cars.

"We know that because of the [federal] election all HCDC funding has been suspended," said committee chairperson Barb Reid. "What happens if we don't get the funding?"

"We anticipate that regardless of which government may or may not be in control it's likely that the program will continue," said Smith. "The best scenario we can look at right now is availability of the funding this upcoming September."

Reid asked Smith what his department could do from now until September to move ahead with the project.

Reid suggested Smith move ahead with getting the adhesives out and into operation for the summer season, which council agreed was a good move.

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Private boys' school coming to county

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We want this for Haliburton. There's no private schools up there other than the one up at Medeba.

— Peter Thyrring

Jenn Watt
Editor

Peter Thyrring's life has always been intertwined with the Highlands.

It started when he was a boy, coming to Haliburton's cottage country.

As an adult, he taught at Hockey Haven and started the All-Canadian Hockey School.

When he launched his private boys' Catholic school in Toronto 20 years ago it was clear where he'd take the kids for the hockey component of their physical education.

Now Thyrring is weaving himself and his school even deeper into the Highland fabric, moving St. Peter's ACHS College School to this county in September.

"We want this for Haliburton. There's no private schools up there other than the one up at Medeba," said Thyrring, who is the school's headmaster.

His school is also unique because it is Catholic, sports-oriented and just for boys between Grade 1 and 8.

Thyrring already brings the boys from his Vaughan-based school to Haliburton for paintball camp and hockey and he said the driving back and forth could be eliminated with this move.

"It makes sense to have everything there in Haliburton. Why not? There's opportunity there, there's potential there, it's a good thing," Thyrring said.

Cost was a major factor in the move.

"[The move] is saving us money," he said. "Everything [in the city] is so ridiculously expensive."



St. Peter's ACHS College School in Vaughan featured a music program for the boys. Headmaster Peter Thyrring is bringing that school to Haliburton in September.

Submitted by
Peter Thyrring

The plan is to run the school out of Pinestone Resort on County Road 21 for now.

Thyrring isn't sure if that's the long-term location, but is pleased by the resort's response to his school.

"I've had some amazing talks with the owner [Darko Vranich]. He was very positive about it," Thyrring said.

"He's made an interesting proposal. The man's a visionary. He believes in our school and what we're doing. Who knows what the future will bring?"

For now, classes will be based at the Pinestone and the kids will have access to the pool and golf course.

Being located right in Haliburton, skiing at Sir Sam's and playing hockey or skating at the arena will be convenient for the kids, who are expected to get lots of physical activ-

ity.

Academics come first at St. Peter's and the kids, already predisposed to physical activity, work harder at their school work to get more sports time.

"They're pumped on that. They really push themselves to do their academic work," he said.

Haliburtonians may already be acquainted with the St. Peter's ACHS boys.

Thyrring's students come to Haliburton regularly and interact with local kids and residents.

Carla Watson, president of the Haliburton Legion branch, calls the St. Peter's boys "bright little men."

"They are sweethearts, every one of them. Very respectful," Watson said.

The students came to the Legion to play pool and darts. "It'll be nice to have them up here. I can't wait," she said.

In Vaughan, the school had three teachers, two part-time teaching assistants, music, French and Mandarin staff. There were 34 students.

In Haliburton, Thyrring is staying small – just him and one other teacher – until he can gauge local interest.

While he wants to have a residential school one day, to start it will be a day program.

That means he's looking for local kids to sign up.

Since it's a private school, parents have to pay to enrol their kids, but despite the tuition, Thyrring calls his school "working class" and definitely not elitist.

He's looking for students who are athletic and disciplined.

His school harkens back to "old school" principles of playing hard, working hard and taking responsibility for one's self.

"If a kid is active or athletic, this is the perfect type of school," Thyrring said.

They don't have to be hockey stars, but they do have to either play hockey or skate.

Kids are taught at their own pace, following government-mandated curriculum.

And while it is a Catholic school, Thyrring said that those of all religions are welcome. For those who are not Catholic, religion is taught as a subject, not indoctrinated to the students.

There will be an open house presentation on May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Pinestone Resort where parents and potential students can hear about the school.

Thyrring will be bringing some of the school's former students up to share their views as well.

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Evening of Wine, Words and Music

At left, Susan MacDonald shows off some of her art at Dorset's annual Evening of Wine, Words and Music at the Dorset Recreation Centre on April 15. The night included art displays, readings by local writers and musical performances.

At right, John Deehan and Zoe Chilco were part of the musical entertainment of the evening.

Special to the Times



Game of croquet has mysterious history

Croquet (pronounced kroh-kay) is a fascinating game and one with a mysterious history.

Some sources say the game dates as far back as 13th century France with a game then known as pall mall where a player tries to hit a ball through a hoop ahead of all other competitors. However, the game of Pall mall has more frequently been linked with the development of the game of golf due to the distance and size of the playing field. Furthermore, the game of Pall mall had a distinctly different mallet. In fact, in Pall mall the ball is hit with what appears to be a short baseball bat.

The oldest image of the modern game of croquet occurred in 1801, with an image of an unidentified game that was merely labelled as "a curious ancient pastime". While this game is shown over a much smaller-sized field, and contains the use of sticks as well as hoops, the players still use what appears to be a club to hit the ball as opposed to the croquet mallet which is unique to the game.

Evidence suggests that modern day croquet arrived in England from Ireland in the 1850s, with the Irish learning about the game from Brittany - a region in the north-west of France. Although the Brittany version of the game was played on beaches as opposed to the traditional lawn and garden setting we associate with modern croquet.

In Ireland, the game was known as crookey. It was recorded in 1834 in Castle Bellingham. However, in Ireland, it was not until 1858 that the use of the distinctive croquet mallet and stroke was mentioned.

In England, however, the first written account of croquet did not occur until the late 1850s when the rules of the game were registered by Isaac Spratt.

No matter where the game originated, by the 1860s it was a remarkably popular game in England, and by 1867 thousands of copies of the rules had been printed and the game was being played all over the British Empire. Canada, Australia, even South Africa were playing the game of cro-

quet.

The reasons for the games popularity may be largely due to the fact that not only were women allowed to play the game but also that everyone, men and women, could actually play the game together. Croquet required little strength and stamina, and minimal skill to learn, but a fair amount of strategy and skill to master.

It has been recorded that women had a distinct advantage over their male competitors. A woman's long skirt could hide the ball, and obscure where it landed, or could even disguise a kick or nudge to the ball instead of hitting it properly. This must have happened often enough for the rules to include statements which emphasised that it was ungentlemanly to call out a female suspected of cheating, and that men should instead feel privileged to play the game in the company of ladies.

Although the game slowly declined in popularity, over the years croquet remains a much loved game, one that is easy to learn and enjoyable for players of all skill levels.

When you have a chance, come down to the museum and play a round of this historic game.

The Minden Hills Museum opens up for the season on May 3 with a new exhibit, Summer Picnics. This exhibit runs from May 3 until July 23 and explores summer time activities such as the popular game of croquet, and also explores picnics from the county.

For more information, contact Museum@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3154.

On May 7 the museum is even hosting its first croquet tournament, on the museum grounds. Compete for prizes and the title of best croquet player in Minden. Help us kick off our summer sea-



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High profile Libs pay Redman a visit

Lisa Gervais
Special to the *Times*

Liberal candidate Laura Redman got a campaign kick-start April 11 with three prominent visitors to her Lindsay campaign headquarters.

Liberal agriculture critic Wayne Easter addressed a partisan crowd, while former Jean Chretien government minister and Paul Martin government cabinet minister Andy Mitchell looked on, along with former Liberal MP John O'Reilly.

Redman said agriculture was close to her heart. She grew up on a family farm, her father was killed in a farm accident and her brother still works the land but the family fears time is running out with the city encroaching.

Redman said that fact was "really sad for me" and added that 35 per cent of the Grade A farmland in the province, near Toronto, was now under concrete and housing. She said that it was time to respect farmers, who did a dangerous job, and she was attracted to the Liberals because they have a farming strategy.

Easter said former Conservative agriculture minister Gerry Ritz "has got a lot to answer for." He said the Conservatives were elected by farmers because the party promised to put farmers first but they never have. He said the farm debt had risen to \$63 billion, from \$52 billion, since the Conserva-



Federal Liberal Party candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Laura Redman (right), chats with Andy Mitchell, a former minister in the Jean Chretien government and cabinet minister in the Paul Martin government at her Lindsay election office.

Lisa Gervais
Special to the *Times*

tives took power. He added that if the government had listened the hog and beef industry would have been better off. He added that some \$418 million has been slashed from agriculture in the March budget.

Easter said Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff has taken farmers' concerns to heart. He said

Ignatieff has acknowledged a rural-urban divide that is as important as the French-English divide and that they have to prosper together. He said the Liberals did have a national food policy for the country as a whole. He said they believed in profitability, but still needed to build farm safety nets. He

said the Liberals have also pledged to match the province of Ontario in funding 60 per cent of the risk management plan (RMP).

Redman added that people must be educated to be loyal to local farmers.

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Gravity House pours cash back into community

Jade Fisher
Times co-op student

On the second Thursday of every month the Gravity Coffee House and Café will donate 25 cents from each drink sold to a local charity.

Each month the recipients of the donations will be different.

There are a variety of causes that range from installing water in third world countries to giving a cancer survivor the chance to relax at the cottage.

Lila Sweet, owner of the café, began Community Days as a way to give back to her community and also bring attention to the many local charities around the county.

In April the lucky recipient of the donations was a group called Visible Voices.

Visible Voices is a program initiated under the umbrella of The Arts Council- Haliburton Highlands.

The volunteers for this charity help isolated seniors in the community create art, both in long term care and in homes.

Visible Voices is beneficial to these seniors not only for the company, but also for an increased sense of dignity.

Creator of the cause, Fay Wilkinson, comments, "This is a hugely valuable program now we need to find ways to keep it going!"

According to a research study conducted by Wilkinson outcomes of the program include: reduced feelings of isolation and enhanced well-being, improved communication and emotional literacy skills, increased confidence and self esteem and realization of potential.

During the month of May don't forget to stop by the Gravity Coffee House and Café where you will be helping donate to Cottage Dreams a cause supporting cancer survivors.

New trees to be planted at site

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neither Hynard nor Tidey recommended it.

"To prune all trees in question would not prove cost effective and would do little to promote good health and vigour of all the trees observed," Tidey wrote in his recommendation.

Cox told council that he wanted the trees removed right away while the ground is still hard.

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It is not a path I want my kids going down or people going down. [Legalizing marijuana and taxing it was] not the right way to go [and there would be] more problems than what we have to deal with now.

— MP Barry Devolin

Marijuana decriminalization debate surprises candidates

Lisa Gervais
Special to the Times

The four federal candidates for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock probably didn't expect a debate on the decriminalization of marijuana when they attended a tea social at the Olympia restaurant in Lindsay last week.

After all, they were meeting the Old Friends, New Friends group, which comprises women between the ages of 40 to 80.

However, one of them, closer to the octogenarian-age group than the 40s, lobbed the controversial question like a tennis ball into the air. Brenda O'Keefe fixed her stare on Conservative candidate Barry Devolin and wanted to know why his party had not decriminalized marijuana.

Devolin said that he personally was not in favour of decriminalizing marijuana. "It is not a path I want my kids going down or people going down," he said. He added that legalizing marijuana and taxing it was "not the right way to go" and there would be "more problems than what we have to deal with now."

A younger member of the audience, Keri Burnett, thought that decriminalizing marijuana would help to lower crime rates and controlling it could bring it into the Canadian economy, saying there are not enough jobs in Canada. She added there were issues such as medicinal use of marijuana. "There's a lot more to it than 'you smoke weed, you go down a bad road,'" she said.

NDP candidate Lyn Edwards jumped in saying her concern is who would control the sale of marijuana and "I don't want people blitzed out all the time." However, speaking personally and not on behalf of the party, Edwards said that marijuana for medicinal purposes should be looked into.

Liberal candidate Laura Redman said her issue with marijuana is the underground economy. "Absolutely we should be legislating it and controlling it." She also backed more policing.

Green party candidate Susanne Lauten told the story of a Haliburton man in his 60s, with MS and confined to a wheelchair, who smokes marijuana for pain relief. She said he was recently arrested and charged so thinks millions of dollars are being wasted on policing marijuana. Lauten candidly admitted to trying marijuana on her 40th birthday, during a "pot luck party" and told the ladies it affected her less than a glass of wine. "It is much to do about nothing."

During the first appearance by all four candidates, Redman demonstrated that she would have no problem going after Devolin.

When the candidates were asked to discuss one issue, Devolin talked at length about his private members' bill aimed at getting a few countries to accept North Korean refugees when they have been sent back from China.

Redman said she thought there were local issues that needed an MP's attention. She talked about a family living in a van around Christmas time, one fourth of children living in poverty locally and an affordable housing crisis. Earlier she told the story of running into a young junior kindergarten student in Lindsay who told her that the best part about going to school was "I get to eat."

"If that's what school represents in this riding we have a lot of work to do."

Lauten complained about international "corporate raiders" coming after the area's natural resources and Edwards spoke on social justice and keyed in on the need for a long-gun registry.

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea



Turkey hunting: an outside perspective

Every now and then, a non-hunter approaches me and asks what season it is and what they need to know from a non-hunting perspective. It's important to answer these questions since it leads to a wider understanding of hunting and often alleviates concerns or dispels unfavourable myths.

With that in mind, here's a brief overview of the upcoming turkey season and a few facts that might be important to hunters and non-hunters alike.

The season and times

First off, the spring season starts in permitted areas across the province on April 25 and ends on May 31. There is a fall season in some areas, but not here in Haliburton County.

In our six-week season, turkey hunters are allowed to hunt from a half an hour before sunrise to 7 p.m. – so if you hear a shotgun blast within those hours, it's probably a turkey hunter taking a bird. The hunt stops at 7 p.m. to protect turkeys approaching or sitting on the roost. A roost is a high branch in a mature tree where turkeys, often communally, seek refuge from predators in the night. Disrupting a roost puts birds at additional risk from night predators and is considered unsporting by most turkey hunters.

The hunters

To hunt turkey in Ontario, you must take and pass a special course – something that no other hunt requires. This means aside from the normal firearm and hunter safety courses that Ontario hunters are subject to, a prospective turkey hunter must also take and pass the wild turkey hunter's education course.

Passing this course entitles you to buy a wild turkey licence and game seal, provided you already possess a small game licence. This seal must be immediately affixed to the leg of any turkey that the hunter shoots to make the harvest legal. Hunters are permitted to buy two per season.

The extra course was deemed necessary because turkey hunters do not wear hunter orange. Instead they typically don camouflage, call turkeys in and often use decoys – a combination that could potentially lead to hunting accidents. To counter this, new turkey hunters are taught safe turkey hunting practices as well as the bird's basic biology.

About the hunt

In spring, turkey hunters are only permitted to shoot bearded birds. They generally do this by sitting in ambush and calling in hopes of attracting male turkeys, which are almost always bearded.

A beard refers to the hairy appendage that's visible and hanging mid-breast of a wild turkey. As previously mentioned, most times this is an indicator of a male bird, called a jake within its first year and a gobbler when older. But about 10 per cent of the time hens are bearded too.

Like in waterfowl hunting, baiting is not permitted. In fact, you're not allowed to shoot a wild turkey within 400 metres of bait, unless it has been cleared for seven days. Bird feeders are considered bait; standing crops are not.

Only shotguns between 10 and 20 gauge are permitted provided that they are loaded with designated shot sizes. This makes turkey-hunting guns relatively short ranged compared to the rifles used in big game seasons, though no less deadly within those ranges.

Hunters must report any turkey killed too. This helps biologists manage turkey populations and harvest levels.

There's a whole lot more to turkey hunting than this, but as you can see, it's a well regulated with a fine record of safety. Moreover, it gives those of us who take up the challenge with an opportunity to procure excellent wild meat and spend more time outdoors. I highly recommend it.



In the spring, hunters are on the lookout for bearded turkeys. This is usually done by sitting, waiting and calling.

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Former Hawks wrestlers share MVP honours

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Two former Red Hawks wrestlers shared the honour of being named most valuable players of the McMaster University women's wrestling team this year.

Christianna Walker and Nicole Mazara, both in their rookie year, received the news a few weeks ago.

Although neither responded to requests for an interview, loved ones and coaches were only too happy to speak about the hardworking pair with a love for the sport.

Their current university coach Nick Cipriano said the selection was based on a coaching staff decision, which was unanimously chosen by all three members.

"In identifying an MVP we don't rely on any one criteria, but attempt to assess who has been truly outstanding over the past year, not only in terms of results at competitions, although this is quite important, but as well, who has made a significant con-

tribution to the team/program," he said in an email. "Certainly Nicole and Christianna's work ethic and attitude toward training was a significant consideration. The fact that both of them were fully committed to two-a-day training sessions, one that included morning swims at 7 a.m., speaks volumes about their commitment to the team."

Cipriano said both possess highly developed attributes for a love of training and are unafraid of hard work. They are likely candidates for the national team if they continue with the sport for the long term.

Mazara's mother Lori Sargeant said the two young women were shocked when they heard the news.

"Nicole is the kind of person who impresses somebody because she is very focused and very hard working. She gives a 100 per cent to whatever she is doing so they saw it too. They saw her devotion and her diligence and hard work," she said.

Christianna's mom Brenda Brouwers was happy since her daughter expressed a nerv-

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— Coach Nick Cipriano

ousness about fulfilling expectations since receiving the only female wrestling scholarships for 2010-2011.

"The really exciting news, I think, is that her and Nicole Mazara are both the wrestling female MVP's and they are both from Haliburton. Speaks volumes for our Haliburton [Highlands Secondary School] coaches. They beat out more senior and more decorated athletes," she said in an email.

Red Hawks coach Paul Klose was proud when he first heard of the news through a colleague about his former wrestlers.

"They loved the sport. They liked learning new things. They liked to compete," he said. "They're very competitive people. If they lost a match they didn't like that. They looked to improve and they showed that at practice. Champions aren't born over

night."

Dan Fockler and Klose were coaches of the two young women throughout their high school careers, which spans some four years, ending only last year.

He and Fockler have always held a belief that you're only as strong as your sparring partner.

"If they worked off of each other it doesn't surprise me that they were chosen MVPs," he said.

Both were Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic champions in their final year and Walker finished her career with a bronze at the high school all-provincials and Mazara finished (according to Klose) in the top-eight.

They are expected to return home for Easter weekend.



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Duchene joins Team Canada

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

was only time before Team Canada came calling.

A franchise player with the Avalanche, Duchene led his team in points with 67 (27 goals and 40 assists) and even shared the team lead for goals and assists.

Haliburton's own Matt Duchene has been named to Team Canada's roster that will play for the 2011 IIHF World Championship in Slovakia.

When the NHL's Colorado Avalanche failed to make the Stanley Cup playoffs it

He won gold with Canada's National Men's Under-18 team at the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 Championship in Kazan, Russia.

Junior badminton team advances to COSSA

The Red Hawks junior badminton team is proving to be the team to beat.

With 19 team points, the juniors captured the team title by several points and dominated the competition at the Kawartha finals hosted in Peterborough on Thursday, April 14.

Eleven competitors qualified for the upcoming Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final scheduled for April 21.

- files from Bob Schmidt

Results

4th - Jessica Duchene and Jaimie Dack, girls'

doubles

3rd, Matt Kim, singles

2nd, Mike Nelson and Tammy Everitt, mixed doubles

2nd, Jessica Bishop and Sandy Griffith, girls' doubles

1st, Tanner Hamilton and Tanner Ballantyne, boys' doubles

1st - Darcy Schmidt and Ali Hicks, mixed-doubles

Know an Enviro-Hero?

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is now accepting nominations for the fourth annual Enviro-Hero awards. These awards serve to recognize and celebrate environmental excellence within our community and are presented at the annual Wild about Nature Gala (June 18 at Camp Wanakita).

Winners receive a specially designed award by renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, Nimpkish band, Kwakiutl First Nation and member of the land trust's board of directors.

An Enviro-Hero is an individual, business or organization who has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County.

Every year, a distinguished panel of judges selects the winners in each of six categories. This year, the land trust thanks its 2011 judging panel: Barb Bolin, founding principal of the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College; Carol Moffatt, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands and Dianne Mathes, vice-chairwoman, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for their generous donation of time.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

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Youth: a student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living or the arts.

Nominations opened Monday, March 28 and close Friday, May 6.

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In search of a sustainable county pool

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

There are many visions for what a recreation complex would look like if one were to be built in Haliburton County.

For Trent University students Ryan Cant and Jaime Noble the complex would be green.

On April 7 Cant and Noble presented their findings on sustainable technology, conducted through a research project, at the Dysart library.

In conjunction with U-Links, Cant and Noble set out to research sustainable, or "green," options for the construction and operation of a recreational facility complete with an indoor swimming pool in Haliburton County.

The first step of the project included searching out an ideal location for such a facility within the county.



Angelica Blenich Echo Staff
A model of a potential Haliburton County recreation facility on display at the Dysart library in Haliburton.

Some of the proposed sites included next to the Minden community centre, the Halibur-

ton Highlands Secondary School and the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. After researching various sites the most suitable location, said Cant and Noble, would be next to the high school.

Challenges with finding an ideal location, said Noble, revolved around geographic distances within the county and the lack of public transit.

"We came up with the idea that those farther away from the facility could get a discounted membership," said Noble.

While compiling their research Noble and Cant looked at other, similar projects located

in Peterborough, LaSalle and Newcastle.

Design elements such as a green roof, natural lighting and straw bale construction were just some of the features considered for such a facility. Cant also explained different heating and cooling methods that could be considered, such as passive solar and solid oxide fuel cell technology.

The students also discussed different filtration systems that could be applied to a pool, including chlorine, salt water and ultra-violet.

Following the presentation, the students were applauded on the hard work and effort they put into compiling the research.

"You've done a lot of work and given us lots of valuable information," said Gay Bell, chairperson of the County Swimming Pool Initiative.

David Baillie, a local contractor and member of Environment Haliburton, believed the project was overlooking a few key factors.

"Most of the technologies that you're proposing don't come from here, meaning we'd be importing all the people who do the building so all the money would leave," said Baillie. "That's not good." The project was compiled over a time period of two months, during which Cant and Noble spent approximately 20 hours constructing models of proposed recreational facilities.

A final project report will be made available on the U-Links website near the end of April.

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday May 9th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-003/11
Applicant: Howard & Olga MARK
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-005/11
Applicant: JACK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of April, 2011.

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Joe Duarte,
QMI Agency

One of the best things you learn in advanced driving courses is how your car reacts in certain panic situations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: WINTERSTEIN/BALL
Part Lot 13 Concession 4, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 13 Concession 4, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 13 Concession 4 described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 13 Concession 4 described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9110.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 5th day of May 2011 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: March 29, 2011

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: WALKER
Part Lot 15 Concession 12, Kawagama Lake
Geographic Township of Sherborne

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared parts of Lot 15 Concession 12 and also parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 12, Kawagama Lake, in the geographic Township of Sherborne, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) those parts of Lot 15 Concession 12 and also those parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15 Concession 12 described as all and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Sherborne in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THOSE parts of Lot 15 Concession 12, geographic Township of Sherborne described as Parts 12 and 13 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8101;

SECONDLY: THOSE parts of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 15 Concession 12, geographic Township of Sherborne described as Parts 16, 17 and 18 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8101.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 5th day of May 2011 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

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Legion nominations and elections coming up



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Monday morning and the television news reports are filled with scenes of devastation as weekend tornadoes roared through several states including North Carolina. Granddaughter Emma will be flying home this afternoon from Charlotte, N.C. having been a bridesmaid at her high school friend Amanda's wedding in Nashville, Tennessee. Her only tornado exposure to date was likely repeated preschool watchings of her favourite movie *The Wizard of Oz*. One chilly day here at the old farmhouse she was found off in Munchkin Land for a third straight viewing. A click followed not from ruby red slippers but the off switch for the video. After all these years I still remember the small, sad voice from under the afghan's warmth "but I loves it so". There truly is no place like home and it will be good to have her back on Ajax soil. We loves her so.

A reminder from Tim Sharpe that the Friendship Club at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden will not have its regular euchre event this coming Easter Monday, April 25, but will meet as usual the following Monday afternoon.

From the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount a

reminder that the next general meeting will be held this Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. with the annual nomination and election of officers coming up on Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. Please bring your signed membership card for that election. John McGrath Branch 441 is very busy celebrating its 65th Anniversary with special events planned throughout the year and an anniversary dinner scheduled for later in the fall. There will be displays to honour the veterans and dedicated past and present day members of the armed forces particularly from this area. If you have items to share or would like information on the Branch's many activities please call 705-488-3462. All pictures will be handled with care or can be scanned and returned if preferred.

The spring session of Taoist Tai Chi classes at the Galway Hall, 579 Galway Rd., will be starting on Thursday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. To learn more about the healthful benefits of Tai Chi and for more details about the session please give Julia Donnelly at 705-286-1444.

The Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women invites everyone to a card party featuring bridge, euchre, whist and board games on Thursday, April 28 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The event starts at noon with lunch included in the \$20 admission and a cash bar will be available. For tickets and table reservations call Linda at 705-457-2064 with tickets also available at Kitchens Etcetera, Haliburton and Organic Times,

Minden. All proceeds will go to the CFUW-HH Scholarship Fund. Please bring your own card/games, score cards and pencils.

This coming Saturday, April 23 the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development challenges all kids as well as the young at heart to put on their best Easter bonnet, grab their basket and meet at the railway station for the second annual parade and amazing Easter egg hunt heading out into the Austin Sawmill Park at 1 p.m.

This year there will be a new sign of spring's arrival as 75 pink tulip bulbs planted by the Kinmount unit of Sparks, Brownies and Guides begin to appear amongst the new rockery by the rail trail. The girls planted the bulbs last fall to raise awareness about breast cancer education, research and treatment. This is but one community project of the unit and appreciation goes to Lynne Kilby and her volunteer assistants for their leadership for the girls who meet together at the Community Centre every Monday evening 705-488-2129.

On their First Impressions visit to Kinmount last August the team from Apsley were most complimentary about the floral touches throughout town. These beautification projects are coordinated and funded through the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. On Saturday, April 30 the committee will hold the 17th edition of the dinner auction, its major fund raising event, at the Galway Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to allow time for viewing the incredible range of donated auction items for the country, silent, Loonie and live auctions with auctioneer Don Corneil handling the large ticket items. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling 705-488-2635 or 2687 but sell out quickly so call now to avoid disappointment.

To you and yours a very Happy Easter. Until next week...

Home sales edge lower, average prices up in March

Residential property sales recorded in March through the tracking system of the Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors were down from a year ago. Meanwhile, average selling prices for waterfront and non-waterfront properties were up.

Sales numbered 113 units in March, a decline of nine per cent on a year-over-year basis. Some 236 residential properties traded hands in the first three months of the year, just two per cent below levels over the same period in last year.

The average price for waterfront sales was \$671,096 in March 2011, jumping 59 per cent from a year earlier.

The non-waterfront residential average price increased six per cent from year-ago levels to \$239,839 in March 2011.

The dollar value of home sales in March 2011 totalled \$40.1 million, rising 13 per cent from year-ago levels.

New residential listings on the association's system numbered 708 units in March, down six per cent on a year-over-year basis. There were 1,499 active residential listings on the system at the end of March 2011, up one per cent from the same month in 2010.

There were 9.8 months of inventory at the end of March 2011 on a seasonally adjusted basis, down from 10.5 months in February. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

Total sales activity numbered 151 units in March, down seven per cent on a year-over-year basis. The total value of those sales was \$44.8 million, up 12 per cent from a year earlier.

More than 540 realtors belong to the association, which covers Haliburton, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Muskoka Lakes, Huntsville, Almaguin Highlands and Lake of Bays.

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The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill two vacancies with terms ending in 2011 & 2012.

Eligible applicants must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton and be at least 18 year of age.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

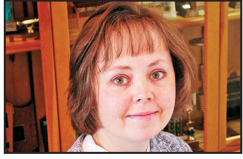
Applications are to be submitted by **May 5th, 2011.**

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

Hope Lee, Secretary
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322 Kent Street West, P.O. Box 2600
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Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide references and a police check.

Pitch in and clean up Dorset



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Don't forget St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church's annual Seder Supper on Thursday, April 21 (which is Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday) starting at 6 p.m. Although a Jewish celebration to commemorate the Israelite exodus from Egypt, traditionally on the second night of Passover, many Christians honour the tradition. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. Please call Pat at 705-766-2373 for reservations or for more information. All are welcome.

The annual village clean up is coming up. All individuals and local community groups are invited to participate in Dorset Pitch In Day which is taking place on Saturday, April 30 meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre for litter clean up supplies at 9 a.m. with coffee and treats for helpers afterwards. This is a great way to join in our community spirit. If you would like to pitch in or would like more information, please contact the recreation centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed on Good

Friday, April 22, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, closed Sunday and closed Easter Monday, April 25.

Self-help job resources are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre during open hours (Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Available is free use of a computer with Internet access, access to an employment specialist via webcam Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and there will be an Employment Specialist on site every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Assistance includes help with resume and cover letters, job search advice, career coaching, job matching and job placement and workshops will be available on a pre-registration basis. For more information, contact huntsvilleerc@ymca.ca or call 705-787-0349.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation along with Haliburton EMS is offering a free CPR course at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required so please contact the recreation centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968. All are welcome and sign up has commenced!

Yoga classes are taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes are suitable for all levels and all are wel-

come. The teacher is Ingrid Bittner and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call her at 705-783-1691 or call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 17 to 23 go out to Todd Brooks, Jordie Schuetze, Julie White, Betty Russell and Peri Coombs. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Heaven knows what I did to annoy Mother Nature! For days before the garage sale the weather was beautiful and sunny so one more day shouldn't have been a big deal.

Anyways, Sue Mills and I had a great day chatting with friends and neighbours that we hadn't seen throughout the winter. We sold some stuff, ate too many sweets and had another person join our team for the Relay For Life coming up in a few weeks. It was a good day!

Speaking of Mother Nature, last Sunday we did our Easter traditional lunch early at Ma's condo. As usual there were too many people in a small place, too much food for this little stomach and lots of conversation. Through the years, friends have told me that sitting in on one of our

functions confuses them. There are interruptions and raised voices, almost like the elections debate for Prime Minister I watched on TV last week.

Definitely not what it seems. Yes, we are a loud bunch that use plenty of hand gestures and we consume more than we should at any sitting. Actually, I have learned to pace myself with small helpings so I can sample more variety. It's quite a feat of skill for someone like me.

In her way, my Ma has been instrumental in making sure all the family sees each other at least once or twice a year and that is the nature of my mother.

Last week I had a twinge of getting older when my granddaughter Alyssa attended a school dance at school. That sure took me back a few years, not that I was allowed to go. It was a different time and beliefs, my parents being immigrants from the old school with old fashioned ideas did not believe in such things. You could say I lived a very sheltered life.

But I sure remember those early years, now through Alyssa! She had a good time with her friends dancing to

songs they know. Alyssa likes to dance, it's something we have done since she was very young and she has rhythm! The big difference now is, Alyssa learned to dance to my songs but question is – can I dance to hers? Probably not!

Speaking of dancing, May is just around the corner and there will be plenty of stuff planned for all of us to enjoy. An evening that shouldn't be missed is *Shall We Dance* a musical performance with an assortment of dance songs from around the world and throughout time. This presentation is by the Highland Festival Singers under the direction of Melissa Stephens with guest artists – the Dancers from Heritage Ballet.

Performances will be Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 per person and are available now at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden.

Did I forget anything? Oh – it's held at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

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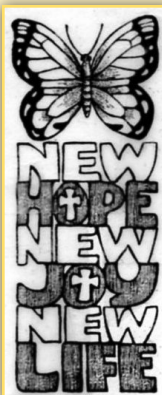
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Saturday, May 7th, 2011 at

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AGM will commence at 9:30 am

Over the past few years significant progress has been made to upgrade our grooming equipment and make trail improvements during the "off season". Even though we have made progress in many areas, there is much more to accomplish.

We would encourage you to attend the meeting, meet our current people and learn more about what we do and how you can help.

Please note at this time we will be taking nominations for Directors and ratifying recent updates to the HCSA By-Laws.

community calendar

What's happening in the County

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• **April 19: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **April 20th & 27th TABLE TENNIS** Minden Community Center 1 to 3 PM Contact: Dave LEAR 705 457 4032 or Mary Martin 705 457 2260

• **April 20: Learn how to Garden & Preserve your Harvest** at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library at 10a.m.-12:00pm for more information call 705-457-2241

• **April 23: Maple Syrup Festival All you can Eat Pancake breakfast** 9am-2pm Located at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce Adults \$5. Children 10 & under \$3

• **April 26: Dental Day at the Minden OEYC** 10am – 1pm. A dental Hygienist from HKPR Dental Health team will be available for screenings RSVP 705-286-1770

• **April 26: Scottish Country Dance Group** at 7:30pm located at the Haliburton United Church

• **April 27: Spring into Action:** Get out and walk with Guest speaker Barb Rimmer, PT Arthritis Society located at the Haliburton Public Library 1:30pm

• **April 27: Haliburton County Historical Society** presents Speaker Hilda Clark Topic: tour of the 100th Anniversary of Wilberforce Public School and National Historic Red Cross Outpost Located at the Wilberforce Public School @ 1:30pm (Please Bring garden chair)

• **April 28: Planning for your child's education:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

• **April 28: CFUW Card Party** at the Haliburton Curling Club at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00/person which includes lunch and door prizes. Cash bar available. All card and game players are welcome. All proceeds to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. Contact Linda at 705 457-2064 for tickets.

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• **April 30: Seventeenth Annual Dinner/Auction** in support of The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development located at Galway Hall Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM Tickets \$25

• **April 30: Lochlin United Church** offers a presentation of "An Evening of Gospel Music" at 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Located on Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd. County Road 1. Info: Bev. 705-286-6772

• **April 30: Haliburton Concert Series** presents Woodwind Quintette. Located at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7:30pm The series is Adults \$50 Students \$25 \$125 for a family pass. Contact Brenda at 705-457-2695 or visit haliburtoncs@blogspot.com

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We Would like to thank the Doug Stevens and the Wilberforce Curling Club for the great ice and use of their club, Sally Stirling for keeping score all day, Sheila and all the volunteers to make this happen. Words can't express the joy and pride I felt to see this Bonspiel up and going again. Max would be so happy too.

Thank you Dave for having the idea to get it going again and all your hard work. The trophy is beautiful!!!

Jane - I couldn't have done it without all your support and help. Driving Miss Daisy, cooking and organizing. You are always there for me.
THANK YOU!

Winners: 1st - Highlands East STATION 2
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See you next Year!
Roberta Walsh, Dave and Jane Burton

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Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Karen & staff of McKeck's You were wonderful! Everyone's Thoughtfulness in Speeches, helping to organize, cake, music, etc. You know who you are. Thank You! We are very humbled! Thanks Again for making Brian's Retirement Party a success!

Thanks: Brian & Sharon Sachs

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Deaths

COX, Mary Annie (nee Cowen) - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, April 15, 2011. In her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Lyman Cox. Dear mother of Ron (Shirley) Cox, Beryl (Goldie) Henderson, Shirley (Leo) Horsley, Basil (Theresa) Cox, Allan (Lyndell) Cox, Wayne (Lynn) Cox, and Ken (Carol) Cox. Loving grandma of 23 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. Predeceased by her sister Evelyn Hewitt-Gibson, brothers Jack and Vern, son-in-law Garth Horsley, and daughter-in-law Darlene Cox. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Then to the Minden United Church for the Funeral Service on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
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In memoriam

Oswald Marshal Snell

September 20, 1931-April 24, 2000
Another year has come and gone
And memories shared are still so fond
Your loved ones here will carry on
With moments cherished, our hearts still strong

A husband loved, a father true
And many grandchildren loving you
You'd be so proud of who we are
And our accomplishments made so far
We look to the day when we embrace
And find that smile upon your face
"See you in Heaven"

Sadly missed and never forgotten
Maxine, Lorne, Mary & Karen & Families

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LOCKHART, Syd

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, dad, granddad, and great-granddad who left us April 22, 2005.

Sad are the hearts that loved you,
Silent the tears that fall,
Living our life without you,
Is the hardest part of all.
Everything life has given us,
And all that's left to do,
We'll never know a greater love,
Than the years we've spent with you.

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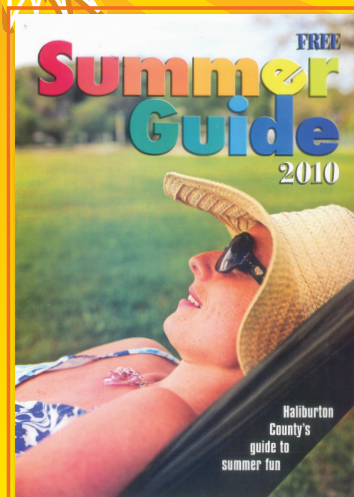
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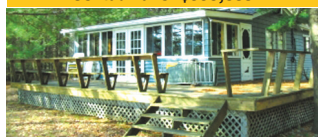


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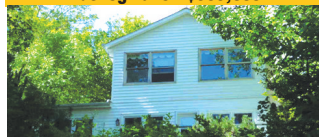
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Classic cottage with 3 beds, sunporch and log charm. Level lot with hard-packed sand beach and south exposure. Perfect for family fun.

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Kushog Lake \$395,000



3 bedroom 1 bathroom four season home or cottage with attached garage, dug well, large lot of .81 acres with room for kids. Beautiful lakeside decking and large dock. Lots of potential!

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Haliburton Home! \$249,000



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This terrific 2+ bedroom cottage features 2 bathrooms and a main floor laundry on a great level lot with easy access and wonderful sunset views.

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This year round 3,000 sq ft custom-built 3 BR waterfront home is on 1.8 acres with 450' of shoreline on Little Redstone Lake. Featuring radiant heat, Tulikivi soapstone fireplace, and porcelain & cherry flooring.

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Executive Living \$569,000



This entire home shows detailed and caring craftsmanship with beautiful pine accents and maple floors blushed with a cherry finish. Outstanding views over Gull Lake with 250 feet of mostly natural shoreline. A must on the consideration list.

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Overlooking Maple Lake \$349,500



Royal Victoria R2000 home features 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, full unfinished bsmt and an attached 2 car garage. On 13 level, landscaped acres. Access to the lake just across the road.

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Beautiful Aurora Condo \$599,000



Fabulous 4th floor corner unit in excellent location. Over 1600 sq. ft. with open concept great room, 2 BRs, 3 baths, Den, many upgrades including engineered hardwood. Underground parking. Fantastic common areas include pool, exercise room and guest suite.

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Traditional Haliburton Cottage \$489,900



Excellent privacy on this 1 acre lot with to 249' on Halls Lake. 3 BR cottage features large living room with stone fireplace and a sunroom. Gazebo & boathouse with dock and sand beach.

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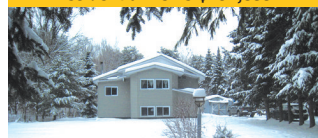
Pine Lake \$399,900



Outstanding west facing level lot with a sand beach. Large open concept four season cottage features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large sunroom.

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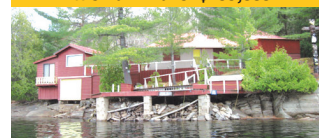
Residential Home \$187,900



1.3 private acres year round with all the WANTS!! Custom Kitchen, newer bathrooms, antique wood floors, level land close to lakes, Haliburton and Ski Hill! Has to be seen to appreciate!

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Little Hawk Lake \$299,000



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

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This May Be The One!



Sparkling fresh with attention to craftsmanship, this waterfront vacation property provides outstanding views of Moore Lake. The home includes three bedrooms, two and half baths and private guest accommodations. Many other features. By appointment only.

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Miskwabi Lake \$349,000



Fully winterized Viceroy 2 BR cottage on 4.7 acres with heated water line, UV system, woodstove, floor to ceiling windows, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, pine cathedral ceiling, laundry room. Totally 'turnkey'.

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South Lake \$324,900



5 Acres, waterfront, 2+2 bedrooms, 4 baths, possible in-law suite, oversized garage, fireplace in living room, gorgeous sunroom overlooking forest,you gotta see this one!

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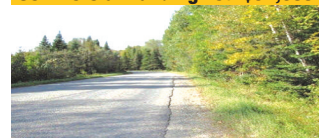
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Commercial Building Lot \$67,500



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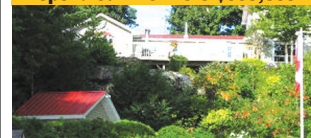
Tamarack Lake \$256,900



Charming winterized 3 BR cottage features a lovely private lot with 415' frtg. Spacious interior, upgraded kitchen, cozy living rm with a woodstove. Drilled well, septic & yr round access.

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Spend Summer Here \$569,000



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